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**LARC club meeting is Friday June ,  
7:30 PM, Shuniah Building, Room  
C242.**



## Field Day Venue - June 26th

LARC field day will be at Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, 2174 ROSSLYN RD.  
THUNDER BAY, ON P7K 1H6

no generators, batteries only.



**Canwarn training: Thursday, June 10th  
(7pm)  
Room C242 Shunia building Con College**

The latest issued of the APRS Thunder Bay newsletter.  
can be downloaded from my website.

<http://my.tbaytel.net/va3rom>

Any and all comments, submissions, etc., are most  
welcome.

73,  
Robert, VA3ROM

Latest June issue of World Radio Online magazine is  
available at:

<http://www.worldradiomagazine.com/>

This is a free PDF publication from the publisher's of  
CQ Magazine. Enjoy!

Did I mention that it's free?

73,  
Robert, VA3ROM

**LARC SENATE**

Keith Fiske VE3JQ  
Pat Doherty VE3PD  
Dave Kimpton VE3AVS  
Laurie Bridgett VE3BCD  
Terry Stewardson VA3LU  
Ed Baumann VE3SNW

**ABOUT US**

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to [ve3snw@shaw.ca](mailto:ve3snw@shaw.ca)

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**Lakehead Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report**

**Balance on Hand - May 5th, 2010 \$4,863.77**

**Income**

50/50 Draw \$5.80

Interest \$0.37

**Total Income \$6.17**

**Expenses**

Thunder Bay Telephone \$47.83

Annual Dinner \$50.00

**Total Expenses \$97.83**

\*Term Account (For Higher Interest) \$3,000.00

**Balance on Hand - June 5, 2010 \$4,772.11**

**Trailer Account**

Previous Balance 856.39

**Income**

Interest \$0.07

Expenses \$0.00

**Balance in Trailer Account \$856.46**

Joe "Cashless" Coghlan - VE3TBX

Treasurer

**LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS**

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)**pl 100**

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

## Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

**Date: May 13, 2010**

**President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.**

### **Guest Speaker:**

**Richard Boone from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.**

### **Treasurer's Report: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX**

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved to accept the report as printed in the May Hi-Q. Seconded by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP. Vote: 1 against. Passed.

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved to accept the annual Financial Statement. Seconded by John Sacek VA3JMS. Passed Unanimously. Joe Coghlan VE3TBX thanked the auditors for their scrutiny.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved to accept the April's meeting's minutes as printed in the May Hi-Q. Seconded by Joe Coghlan VE3TBX. Passed Unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)**

John Sacek VBA3JMS reported that the Caribou Charity Race has contacted us for our participation in September.

#### **Next event 10 Mile Road Race, May long weekend.**

Norm Bell VE3XRC coordinator reported having the volunteers worked out for the race.

#### **CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS**

This year's training will be **Thursday June 10, Shuniah Building, Room C242**

#### **ARES Brad Harris VE3MXJ Thunder Bay EC**

Tuesday night VHF Net on VE3YQT at 7pm.

#### **SATERN Training:**

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP reported taking the Critical Incident Stress Management class, and that he learned out the course dealt with administering "psychological first aid" with people dealing with a crisis experience.

- ICS (Incident Command System) Course Saturday June 12, 2010, 8:30 to 4:30 required to be taken by

anyone wishing to volunteer in times of disaster or crisis.

### **RAC Report Bill Unger VE3XT**

Bill Unger VE3XT reported being in Ottawa at the annual RAC Board of Directors meeting. They caucused for the entire weekend, after which they came up for air.

### **Repeater News**

#### **Randy Gottfred VA3OJ,**

UHF linking radio sought for the 10 Meter repeater.

The Upsala repeater is being overhauled and be linked with the rest of the NW ON network. VE3TBR tail has been adjusted.

### **Club Trailer:**

#### **Bob Hansen VE3RVA**

**The next trailer committee meeting is coming soon**

#### **Field Day Venue**

LARC field day will be at Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, Rossland Road, no generators, batteries only.

### **New Business**

#### **Hymers Fall Fair**

LARC has paid the Hymers Fall Fair for our participation this year.

### **MARM Hamfest**

The Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum is having the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Ham Fest August 13, 14<sup>th</sup> 2010, on the grounds of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin, Manitoba, where MARM is located. (wanted ARRL Handbooks for the years: 1925,26,28,34,39,40,98 to 2010.)

### **Antenna Season**

Unbelievable as it may seem to mere mortals, (that the summer is illuminating, er... looming) and that the grand horn was blown with a flourish that Handel would have admired (in fact, Handel might have recognized it!)... It was the cosmic BLAAATT which announced the fact that **Antenna Season has closed.** moment of silence was held... or perhaps it was just a moment of temporary deafness... it was hard to tell.

#### **50/50 Draw: Mike Wolowich HZW**

**Adjournment** moved by: Terry Stewardson VA3LU

**Next Executive Meeting: June 3, 2010**

**Shuniah Building C242**

**Next LARC Meeting: Friday June 11,**

**2010, Shuniah, C242**

## North East Regional Directors Report May 2010



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on May 20, 2010 starting at 2330Z.

I received an email from a new Amateur who is probably going to give up on radio. He found the Amateurs in his community to be aloof and not particularly friendly. And I have noticed something similar when you go to a new city and listen on 2. You hear a few people talking, finish and you announce you're mobile. And no reply. You are pretty sure they have heard you but no one answers. It's not a good feeling. So please if you hear a new call on the repeater please say hello and welcome them to your city. You may make a new friend and the travelling Amateur will realise why it's such a great hobby.

In the last report I mentioned how RAC helps Amateurs in Canada, and now I would like to mention several ways you can help RAC. We have several funds set up for specific purposes, the Youth Education Fund, Defence of Amateur Radio and one for the RAC Foundation.

This month I would like to highlight the RAC Foundation Fund. It will come as no secret that RAC seems to be in a perpetual state of near financial ruin. Some may say this is due to poor management, but having been a Director for several years now and as chair of the Administration and Finance Committee I know we are very careful with your dues that you pay. If you look back to the financial statement published last October you will see most Executive and Directors never spent the monies allotted to them. I suspect many of us use our own funds to subsidize RAC activities.

The RAC Foundation Fund is to allow RAC to make donations to young Hams to continue their education or to make equipment available to groups to promote Amateur Radio or have equipment that is for use in a time of an emergency. I know times are difficult but if you would like to help a young Amateur further his education, or help a group of Amateurs get a club station on the air a donation to this Fund would help. This donation would be a suitable way to remember an Elmer who helped mentor you or a fellow amateur who is now a Silent Key. Thanks.

The other thing I want to highlight is the upcoming weather training put on by Geoff Carlson from Environment Canada. He is probably coming to a location near you. If you want more information email him at [Geoff.Coulson@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Geoff.Coulson@ec.gc.ca)

73

Bill VE3XT  
North East Ontario  
Regional Director  
[ve3xt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3xt@rac.ca).

# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



## Girl Guides 100th anniversary Rally

Here are some photos from the Girl Guides 100th anniversary Rally yesterday at the KOA campground. It was a wonderful day for this event. Thanks to those who lent us the code oscillators and keys, the girls really liked learning their names in phonetics and and in Morse, some real naturals out there for sure.

Thanks to Ken VE3EFZ and Mathew (my son) for helping out, we put many through our station with about 300 girls present and many worked VA3EMO at Ontario Place. Thanks for being there, gang, on IRLP as HF was a wash for us, we could hear Newfoundland, but very weak.

Thanks to Vicky for the invite and having us participate in this special event.

Fred

CIW649/VE3FAL



Report from Jim Taylor includes Thunder Bay...thanks Jim

<http://www.emergencyradio.ca/guides100.html>